

**Acton Commission on Disability
Minutes
November 8, 2007**

Members Present: L. Franklin, J. Nigro, B. Viola, **Others Present:** J. Kohout.

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

October Minutes were reviewed and accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Purchase Order from Ink Etc. was submitted for payment of \$1,149. on 10-11-07. There is a discrepancy on the invoice of 100 Dining Guide Booklets from the original quote of 250. This is due to higher graphic and services charges. To compensate for these charges, less Dining Guides were printed.

OLD BUSINESS

Oktoberfest: People traffic on Windsor Ave. is lessening each year since there are not as many tables or activities. We need to increase the visibility of our table and attract more people so we can promote the COD. Discussed requesting a new location, possibly in front of the Acton Pharmacy. Also, ideas given to offer an activity, riding a hand-crank tricycle, or presentation of early intervention therapies. Belmont Medical, 617-484-3888, 185 Belmont St. to be used as a resource for equipment.

ADA Coordinator: John Murray is the temporary Town Manager. In an emergency he would act as The ADA coordinator until the new Town Manager is hired.

Volunteers: Joy has left a message with a member of the Arlington COD concerning use of CORI for volunteers.

Transportation: TAC would like the COD to go to the Board of Selectman with more detailed concerns and challenges of disabled. Lisa to call TAC. Further discussion on this topic is needed.

Election Parking: Jean sent e-mails to Eva Taylor, Town Clerk, and Frank Widmayer, Chief of Police to address accessible parking problems. Their responses along with ones from Garry Rhodes and the League of Women Voters will be helpful in working toward a solution.

The League of Women Voters is holding a discussion on November 14th at the Acton Public Safety Building regarding issues of access to polling locations and ease of voting. The Board of Selectman appointed the LWV to look into this. Joy has volunteered to attend the meeting. A list of concerns and suggestion was compiled.

Dining Guides: Discussed distribution of newly printed guides. Pamphlet/booklet holders to be placed outside the Building Department doorway are awaiting Garry's approval. Placement of another holder for the Disability Preparedness Guide outside the Public Heath Office will be explored.

NEW BUSINESS

Disability Indicator Program: Residents voluntarily sign up which alerts public safety that a person residing at your address has a disability and requires special assistance during an emergency. There is a Disability Indicator Form to file with Police Department. Chief Widmayer

has these forms. All persons with disabilities should be encouraged participate. Maybe there is a way to send the forms along with the town tax bills. Lisa to contact Public Health Office for more information. Will also contact Civil Defense group to access their resources.

Lion's Club Request: The Lion's Club would like us to assist them in using their available resources to work toward their mission of improving visual disabilities. Lisa will contact Eric to invite them to a meeting.

Accessible Parking at Quill & Press: Brenda reports that there are no marked accessible parking spaces. She will email Garry Rhodes.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Viola,
Secretary